

MINUTES OF THE TWO THOUSAND AND FORTY FIFTH
REGULAR MEETING JULY 27, 2026

On July 27, 2026, the above meeting was held at the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, and was called to order by the President of the Council at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember McDonnell led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called with the following result: Eileen McDonnell, Carrie Budzinski, Robin Persiconi, Martha Ptashnik, Patrick Brockway and Kayleigh Reid. Absent: Brandon McCullough.

Elected and appointed officials present: Eric Goldstein, City Attorney; Lori Miller, City Clerk; Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director; Todd Zilincik, City Engineer.

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember McDonnell, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#263-26 RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the 2044th Regular Meeting of the Council held July 13th, 2026, are approved as presented.

During Audience Communication the following residents spoke: Dave St. Claire, Barbara Glover, Kim Snider, Frank McDermott, Steve King, Christopher Martin, Sonia Tacoma, Greg Ralko, Roseanne Martell, and Laura Shoemaker.

New data was announced for Items #12 & #13.

On a motion by Councilmember McDonnell, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#264-26 RESOLVED, that upon the motion by Councilmember Eileen McDonnell, seconded by Councilmember Robin Persiconi, at the Regular Meeting held July 27, 2026, the Council does hereby refer the subject matter of the placement of residential trash bins to the Law and Education Committee for its report and recommendation.

A communication was received from the Department of Finance, dated July 10, 2026, forwarding the Departmental Purchases Report, for the month ending June 30, 2026, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated June 4, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated May 28, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Clarenceville School District, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated June 15, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Livonia Public Schools, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated June 1, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Oakland Schools ISD, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated June 10, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Plymouth Road Development Authority, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated May 20, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Schoolcraft College, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated April 1, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the State of Michigan, regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

A communication was received from the Office of the City Clerk, dated June 10, 2026, forwarding the 2026 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029), from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), regarding the collection of the district's taxes, was received and placed on file for the information of the Council.

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Budzinski, it was:

#265-26 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Stacy Robeniol, dated May 29, 2026, requesting permission to close Shadyside Street between Gable and Aldane Streets, on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, including therein permission to conduct the said affair on Saturday, August 8, 2026, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#266-26 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Erin Dobbins and Jerome Pfeifer, dated June 25, 2026, requesting permission to close two locations in the SMB Estates, Ronnie Lane from Lyndon to Meadowbrook and Barbara Street from Scone to Perth, on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from noon to 10:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#267-26 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Tracy Nolte, dated June 10, 2026, requesting permission to close Marie Street between Knolson Street and Minton Avenue, on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#268-26 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Michael Camilleri, dated June 4, 2026, requesting permission to close 18528 and 18745 Parklane Street, on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, including therein permission to conduct the said affair on Saturday, September 26, 2026, in the event of inclement weather, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

#269-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a report and recommendation from the Fire Chief, dated June 29, 2026, which bears the signature of the Finance Director and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby authorize the purchase of four (4) Whelen emergency warning packages from Priority One Emergency, 5755 Belleville Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188, in the amount of \$45,999.16, the same having been the lowest MITN bid received which meets all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$45,999.16 from funds already budgeted in Account No. 401-000-985-000 for this purpose.

#270-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Clerk, requesting to amend Chapter 8.16 (Restaurants) of Title 8 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, the Council does hereby refer this matter to the Department of Law to prepare the appropriate ordinance amendment to Chapter 8.16 (Restaurants) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances for submission to Council.

#271-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated June 18, 2026, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its Resolution #06-38-2026, adopted on June 16, 2026, with regard to Petition 2026-05-02-14 submitted by Oval Auto, requesting waiver use approval to operate an automobile repair facility, at 28755 Plymouth Road, located on the South side of Plymouth Road between Garden Street and Harrison Street in the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2026-05-02-14 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Site Plan submitted is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
2. That the building elevation rendering received June 16th, 2026 is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
3. That the Floor Plan submitted is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
4. That the parking lot shall be repaired, resealed, and restriped as necessary to the satisfaction of the Inspection Department. Parking spaces shall be doubled striped at ten feet (10') wide by twenty feet (20') in length;
5. The van-accessible barrier-free parking space shall be sized, signed, and marked in accordance with the Michigan Barrier-Free Code;
6. That the three walls of the trash dumpster area shall be constructed out of building materials that shall complement that of the building. The enclosure gates shall be of solid panel steel construction or durable, long-lasting solid panel fiberglass. The trash dumpster area shall be maintained and, when not in use, closed at all times;
7. That all light fixtures shall not exceed twenty feet (20') in height and shall be aimed and shielded to minimize stray light trespassing across property lines and glaring into adjacent roadways;
8. That there shall be no outdoor storage of auto parts, equipment, scrap material, waste petroleum products, junked, unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, or other similar items in connection with this operation, and the overhead doors, when not in use for vehicles entering or exiting the service facility, shall always be closed;
9. That the existing sign and footing on the eastern side of the building shall be removed to the satisfaction of the Inspection Department;
10. That only conforming signage is approved with this petition, and any additional signage shall be separately submitted for review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals;
11. The overall average illumination level for the parking lots shall be 1.0-foot candle as provided under Section 7.22 of the Zoning Ordinance;

12. That unless approved by the proper local authority, any type of exterior advertising, such as promotional flags, streamers or sponsor vehicles designed to attract the attention of passing motorists, shall be prohibited;
13. That the specific plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department at the time the building permits are applied for;
14. Pursuant to Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, this approval is valid for a period of one year only from the date of approval by City Council, and unless a building permit is obtained, this approval shall be null and void at the expiration of said period; and
15. This waiver approval shall be limited to the Petitioner only, and does not run with the land, and any new owner or operator of the auto repair facility, other than the Petitioner's son, shall first be approved by the City Council.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That notice of the above hearing was given in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

#272-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Executive Director of Housing, dated June 18, 2026, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, to which is attached a proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract between SMART and the City of Livonia for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, to allow for the Livonia Community Transit Program (Liv & Go Program) to receive Municipal and Community Credits in the amount of \$89,424.00 to be deposited in Account No: 288-000-582-000, the Council does for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the municipal credit contract in the manner and form herein submitted, subject to approval as to form and substance by the Department of Law, and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#273-26 RESOLVED, THAT WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants to units of local government to help finance community development programs; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of such Act is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living

environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, to obtain its Fiscal Year 2026-2027 entitlement funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program as authorized by the Housing Community Development Act of 1974, the City of Livonia must submit a statement of community development objectives and project use of funds, satisfactory assurances that the Program will be conducted and administered in accordance with appropriate federal and state laws and Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations; and satisfactory assurances that, prior to submission of its Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds, it has (A) provided citizens with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities; the range of activities that may be undertaken, the estimated amount of those funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons, and other important program requirements, (B) held a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs, and (C) provided citizens an adequate opportunity to examine the content of and to submit comments on the proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Livonia, Michigan, that the Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant Program is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Further, the Director of Housing, Mayor/Clerk shall have the authority to execute the sub-recipient contracts.

#274-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Housing, dated June 26, 2026, which bears the signatures of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, and which references proposed Hold Harmless Contracts between the City of Livonia and First Step; Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit; Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency; Cruz Clinic; Stonebrook Counseling Associates, PLLC and CARES in Farmington Hills, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in connection with CDBG-funded victim assistance, fair housing initiative, food assistance, and utility assistance programs, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Housing Director, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute hold harmless contracts that are acceptable to the Law Department as to form and content, as well as to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

#275-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Department of Law, dated June 12, 2026, which bears the signature of the Director of Community Resources, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, requesting to approve a Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Livonia and Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability company, as successor to AT&T Michigan, to provide a 5% franchise fee, together with the 1% PEG fee which supports City Channel 8, for a period of ten (10) years, the Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement, attached to the aforesaid communication, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolutions with the following result:

AYES: McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, Brockway, and Reid.

NAYS: None.

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, and unanimously adopted, it was:

#276-26 RESOLVED, that having considered an application from Christina Zeoli, dated June 17, 2026, requesting permission to close Summers Street between Riverside Drive and Ashurst Street, on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a block party, the Council does hereby grant permission as requested, the action taken herein being made subject to the approval of the Police Department.

Councilmember Budzinski took from the table, for second reading and adoption, the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 020, 030, 040 AND 050 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 120 OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 12 (SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING TAX EXEMPTION) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance with the following result:

AYES: McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, Brockway, and Reid.

NAYS: None.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, it was:

#277-26 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan State Housing Development Act, Act 346 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended, being MCL 125.1401 se seq. (the “Act”), a request for exemption from property taxes has been received on behalf of Ziegler Place Preservation Limited Dividend Housing Association, LLC, an affiliate of the Jonathan Rose Companies (the “Sponsor”); and

WHEREAS, a housing project as defined in the Act is eligible for exemption from property taxes under Section 15a of the Act (MCL 125.1415a) if the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (“MSHDA”) provides funding for the housing project, or if the housing project is funded with a federally-aided mortgage as determined by MSHDA; and

WHEREAS, Section 15a of the Act (MCL 125.1415a) provides that the local legislative body may establish by ordinance the service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes, commonly known as a PILOT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has adopted Title 3, Chapter 12 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances (the “City Code”) to provide for the exemption from property taxes of eligible housing projects and to provide for the amount of the PILOT for said housing projects to be established by resolutions of the City Council of the City of Livonia; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor is proposing to undertake a substantial rehabilitation of Ziegler Place, a 141-unit senior affordable housing project located at 30001 St. Martins Street in Livonia, Michigan (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to serve low to moderate income persons as defined by Section 15a(7) of the Act, being MCL 125.1415a(7); and

WHEREAS, the Project is currently subject to an existing PILOT with the City of Livonia, which must be extended for a new term of years in order for Sponsor to secure its financing for the rehabilitation of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with City Code Section 3.12.120, the project known as Ziegler Place Apartments, as described above, is entitled to be exempt from taxation but will be required to pay a service charge of ten percent (10%) of the annual shelter rent received from the Project as a

payment in lieu of taxes as set forth in Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended, being MCL 125.1401, et seq.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the specific legal description for the Project shall be as set forth in the certification from MSHDA; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Project's existing PILOT shall remain in effect until substantial completion of the Sponsor's rehabilitation of the Project, after which this Resolution shall take effect and remain in effect for as long as the MSHDA-aided or Federally-aided financing is in effect, but not longer than fifty (50) years.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution with the following result:

AYES: McDonnell, Budzinski, Persiconi, Ptashnik, Brockway, and Reid.

NAYS: None.

On a motion by Councilmember Ptashnik, supported by Councilmember Persiconi, an unanimously adopted, it was:

#278-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the Human Resources Director, dated June 18, 2026, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney, and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council does hereby approve the quote of NeoGov, 2120 Park Pl., Suite 100, El Segundo, California 90245, 1525 O'Brien Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, in an amount not to exceed \$21,634.07, for recruitment and applicant tracking services; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$21,634.07 from funds already budgeted in Account No. 101-269-813-000 for this purpose; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the action herein without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3.04.140.E.3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, for the reason that NeoGov is the sole authorized provider of for recruitment and applicant tracking services and no advantage would result from requiring competitive bidding.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Vice President Brockway, an unanimously adopted, it was:

#279-26 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, dated June 29, 2026, which bears the signature of the Director of Finance and the City Attorney and is approved for submission by the Mayor, the Council

does hereby accept the bid of Keystone Strategic Partners, LLC, 200 S. Broad St., Suite 410, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, for completing all work required in connection with the men's and women's locker room re-grouting project at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, in the amount of \$34,500.00, the same having been the only bid received which met all specifications; FURTHER, the Council does hereby authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$34,500.00 from funds already budgeted in Account No. 208-755-987-000 for this purpose; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract for and on behalf of the City of Livonia with the aforesaid bidder and to do all other things necessary or incidental to the full performance of this resolution.

On a motion by Councilmember Budzinski, supported by Councilmember Ptashnik, an unanimously adopted, it was:

#280-26 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from the City Planning Commission, dated June 18, 2026, approved for submission by the Mayor, which transmits its Resolution #06-37-2026, adopted on June 16, 2026, with regard to Petition 2026-05-02-13 submitted by Luxe Events LLC., requesting waiver use approval to operate a banquet (event) facility with occupancy of over fifty (50) people, at 27600 Schoolcraft Road, located on the North side of Schoolcraft Road between Inkster Road and Cardwell Street in the Southeast ¼ of Section 24, the Council does hereby concur in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and Petition 2026-05-02-13 is hereby approved and granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the submitted floor plan is hereby approved and shall be adhered to;
2. That the specific plans referenced in this approving resolution shall be submitted to the Inspection Department at the time the building permits are applied for;
3. That access to the rear exit shall be restricted to customers and to remain closed at all times;
4. Events at the facility shall not continue beyond 11:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and 12:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. This does not include breakdown and cleanup operations following an event, which shall be completed one (1) hour after closing;
5. That the rear drive shall be repaired and resealed as necessary to the satisfaction of the Inspection Department;

6. That no LED lightband or exposed neon shall be permitted on this site including, but not limited to the building or around the windows; and
7. This waiver uses is granted to this petitioner only, and any new owner or operator of the facility is required to seek and receive City Council's consent prior to the transfer.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That notice of the above hearing was given in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.13 of the Livonia Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

During Audience Communication, the following residents spoke: Cindy Fleming, Denise Mika, Laura Jannika, and John Schafer.

On a motion by Councilmember Persiconi, supported by Councilmember Ptashnik, and unanimously adopted, this 2,045th Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Lori L. Miller, City Clerk